

- a.) crystallizing any vitamins with shortening, to form a vitamin shortening mix, before adding said vitamins to any other filling ingredients;
- b.) crystallizing any remaining shortening before adding said remaining shortening to any other filling ingredients;
- c.) cooling said other filling ingredients to a temperature below the crystallization temperature of said shortening and maintaining said other filling ingredients at a temperature below the crystallization temperature of said shortening until said vitamin shortening mix, and

said remaining shortening is combined with said other ingredients;

- d.) combining said vitamin shortening mix, said remaining shortening, and said other filling ingredients to form a filling mix; and

- e.) where needed, mixing said filling mix at the lower of the shortening's crystallization temperature or 90° F. (32.2° C.).

**58.** The process of claim 57 wherein said vitamin shortening mix has a weight ratio of total vitamins to shortening of about 1:1.

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